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**EXPLAIN THIS PLANK.**

**T**HE staff of explainers of the Republican campaign committee is respectfully requested to explain that plank of the party platform, adopted at Santa Fe, which condemns the federal land policy of the present Democratic national administration. That plank says—

"We condemn the federal land policy of the present Democratic national administration as applied to the state of New Mexico, and particularly to Rio Arriba, San Juan, Sandoval and McKinley counties, in withdrawing from the public domain for forest reserves, or as coal or oil lands, or for Indian reservations, multiplied thousands of acres, which contain no timber, nor coal, nor oil."

President Wilson took office March 4, 1913. Since that time in the four counties named a total of 27,785 acres have been withdrawn from the public domain and added to national forest reserves. Not an acre has been withdrawn as coal or oil land.

Since March 4, 1913, 222,228 acres in the four counties named have been excluded from national forests, into which they had been included by former Republican national administrations, and restored to the public domain.

In a word, the present Democratic national administration has restored to the public domain nearly ten times as many acres as it has withdrawn therefrom in the four counties named. Every acre of coal land withdrawn from entry in these four counties was withdrawn by Republican presidents prior to March 4, 1912.

The federal land policy of the present national administration has not touched the four counties named in this remarkable plank, except to restore a huge area of land to the public domain which Republican administrations had withdrawn.

Do you get the need for explanation here?

There have been a number of reasons for the new general belief that the Republican bosses of New Mexico were up in the air when at their Santa Fe convention they condemned Governor McDonald for requiring honesty, regularity and accuracy in county offices and then proceeded to nominate R. C. Hernandez, former county treasurer of Rio Arriba county, as their candidate for congress.

There were some people who asserted that in the plank condemning us "offensive and pernicious" the policy of Governor McDonald in requiring close and accurate bookkeeping in county offices, that the Republican bosses were merely taking an indirect way to notify the people of New Mexico that the said people were considered of inferior intelligence by said bosses.

In this federal land policy plank it looks as if these same Republican bosses had again convicted themselves not only of inferior intelligence, but of downright idiocy.

Barring, of course, that the official staff of explainers cannot produce an explanation.

**WHY ROOSEVELT HAS FAILED.**

**N**UMEROUS explanations have been forthcoming recently of the almost spectacular slide of Theodore Roosevelt from a dominant national position to that almost of a spectator on the sidelines of the national political game. In fact, almost every newspaper in the country has had its say upon the subject, and "taking a rap at the Colonel" has become one of the popular indoor cultural sports. One of the most interesting of these, however, has just been given by the St. Louis Times, an independent newspaper of conservative tendencies. The Times says:

"When Theodore Roosevelt passed through St. Louis not long ago, the most uniform opinion expressed relative to his appearance and the impression he made was that 'Teddy is growing old.'

"He is growing old; at least, he is growing older. But we do not believe it is the weight of years that has caused him to do this.

of its spirit, its buoyancy, its energy, its confidence, and all those other qualities which are associated with youth.

"Neither do we believe it was the arduous journey into South America which made such marked inroads upon the extraordinary egotism and pride of the man who at one time had a greater number of admirers in the United States than any other man.

"We believe it is nearer the truth to say that Roosevelt's physical deterioration is due to the reflections which must be reposed upon him whenever he stops to think what his career has been, and what it has meant during the past two years.

The former president was never a weakling in any respect. His associates were always many men, who knew how to fight after the fashion of men. He was never one to sit in a tent, and to place barriers between himself and other well-conditioned men—men well conditioned in mind and body.

"But that fatal blunder during the days of the Chicago convention changed all these conditions. He is now identified as the friend and associate of the Perkinses and Pinchots and the Beveridges and the other malcontents and ill-equipped American citizens.

The excitement of the thing might have sustained him for a year or so, but it was inevitable that when the Roosevelt that used to be came to the task of meditating upon what he had lost and measuring that loss against what he had gained, a great discouragement must follow.

We believe that Roosevelt is ashamed of much of the company he now keeps, and that he regrets the old friends who knew how to win fairly, or to lose gamely.

The plain truth is that no man possessing the truly great characteristics which Roosevelt undoubtedly possesses could retain his health and spirit when compelled to contrast the things that are with the things that were, and might still have been.

**A SUGGESTION.**

FOR it is from us to jump on the bill boards. Bill boards form a valuable advertising medium and we are for all advertising media.

We believe they are all good in their places. We would not, however, advocate plastering newspapers on the piano, or delivering war extras in church, even though we are convinced that newspaper advertising is the best on earth.

The bill board is all right in its place. We honestly believe that advertising on a bill board, for certain purposes, is fine advertising. But we are opposed to further extension of the bill board industry in the heart of the business district or around public buildings.

Yesterday some bill boards were removed from a central avenue corner to make room for a new building. That was fine.

But the bill boards, we are informed,

are being set up as to hide all but the roof of the Masonic temple, as one looks west on Central avenue.

That seems a bit unfortunate. If we are going to have bill boards everywhere, regardless of civic attractiveness, there is a fine chance open for our bustling business administration to reinforce its financial status. It can rent Robinson park for bill board space, and sublet the outside walls of our new city hall to the bill board people.

**The Kaiser**

(Christian Science Monitor.)

IT is always easier to be critical than to be fair. That is a truism which it is well to remember. In a moment like the present the thinker with the broadest outlook pauses in his distribution of praise or blame. He asks himself whether he does well to be pleased or angry, and he weighs his judgment of those who are not on his side with particular care. It is peculiarly necessary to remember this in speaking of the Kaiser. Those, indeed, who recognize something of the force of public thought will be the most ready to admit the fact.

Whatever may be said or thought of the third German emperor, one thing will be readily acknowledged, that he is what Rudyard Kipling would term "a first rate fighting man." This, perhaps, more than most other reasons, has led to much of the intertempore with which he has been attacked. He has not excelled in that soft answer which turns away wrath. On the contrary, he has been engaged, rather more than most men, in the "gentle art of making enemies." In a moment like the present the enemies are apt to become more than commonly virulent. In consequence the man who wishes to be just becomes correspondingly somewhat circumscribed in his utterances. The Kaiser, of course, has his faults. In a man of temperament they bulk as large, and are painted as grim colors as his virtues, but they do not exclude the virtues. It may be that he is not avverse from war. He is, indeed, a Hohenzoller and the Hohenzollers, both before and since the day of the great elector, have not been conspicuous for their affection for peace. At the same time it must in truth and fairness be admitted that for twenty-six years he

**SOLOS**  
by the  
Second Fiddle.

W<sup>H</sup>EY KICK on the high cost of HENIEK EGGS are selling at \$2.50 a dozen in Hamburg.

WHICH would make "hammers with an egg" a dish to save for Sunday dinner.

EVEN fresh laid eggs near the war zone are said to be addled.

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world has ever seen, yet not until today has the terrible order "arrengue" passed his lips.

To impute to him the Machiavellian policy of having kept the peace, during these twenty-six years, in order that he might uninterruptedly sharpen his sword, is scarcely fair. There have been occasions, in the interval, when it would have been both safer and more profitable to flush the mobilization order over the telegraph wires; and it is easy to find a reason, at once more reasonable and creditable, for his decision.

It may have been a mistake to alter the course of the national policy, as regards Russia, after handing the great pilot who had held the tiller during the previous storms. Anyhow, wisely or unwisely, the die was cast, and the Slav was converted from a very problematical friend into a very transparent enemy. What followed everybody knows. Enormous war budgets were voted by the Duma. In a few more years it was openly proclaimed Russia would be ready.

Twenty million of Muscovite soldiers,

ably was exaggerated, but Germany shivered at the prospect. Whether in any circumstances it is wise, in the Bismarckian phrase, to make war to prevent war, may be doubted. The German general staff, however, decided contrary to the opinion of the iron chancellor. The war began.

There, probably, is the truth about the whole matter. To attempt to hold this or that person responsible is to give a coherence to the human mind to which it has no claim. Men, whether emperors or artisans, are the expression of national characteristics. The Kaiser no more caused the war than Bonaparte or Danton caused the French revolution, or Cromwell the great rebellion. To find the causes of the present struggle, it is necessary to go back a hundred years to watch the tendency of German opinion since the great war of Liberation, and balance this against the tendency of half a score of nationalities all growing, now in confidence, now in suspicion, and now in actual fear of one another. The golden age of China's prosperity, when, in the words of the sage, men were virtuous without being conscious of the fact, is not approximate to the European conditions of today.

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To show that we are not alone in this view, we quote an editorial article from the Irish Homestead, of Dublin, the editor of which is one of the clearest independent thinkers it has ever been our privilege to know, a profound student of sociological and economic questions. Under the title of "The New Leadership of the World," he says:

"It is not only on the operations of war that a evil has descended so that we do not know what is happening there. Darkness has descended on the work of the builders of society, the men and women who in normal times endeavor by a thousand ways through art, literature, music, science and politics to unite humanity with what is eternally true, beautiful and good.

On these builders, trying always to raise pillars of human thought to the heavens, the curtain of darkness has now dropped, and on the illuminated stage of the world only the human animal is doing his turn, using an

unpleasant and material energies against

any civilization in Europe. One thing appears certain, that after a long-continued war of this magnitude, the leadership of the world will have passed from the old to the new continent, and America will be supreme henceforward in the arts, sciences and economics over the earlier civilizations. This supremacy of hers was perhaps in the natural order of things, inevitable, but it is certain that, when this war is ended the United States will be the dominant power in the world in almost every department where human activity is displayed. The alteration of its tariff policy lately was a preliminary athletic exercise of its economic limbs before attempting the industrial conquest of the world. Now, all these nations, its industrial rivals, have weighted themselves with a terrible burden from which a generation will not see them released. Mr. Wells is writing in the strain of the prophet about coming alterations in the map of Europe. They are of little importance compared with the fact that all the economic energies, the intellectual powers and aspirations which made for civilization, suppressed in Europe, will have made their home in the new world. The sun of humanity is going to rise brilliantly in the west, and Europe is at the close of its long day, its royal domination over the fortunes of the world. There seems nothing to prevent this except the impossible event of a sudden cessation of the European riot and an immediate return to the work of civilization. How little real restraint has Christianity exercised on the ancient Adam we see now that all the elemental forces have broken loose from the boundaries within which the spirit has tried to chain and restrict them."

We believe that in the above our friend is a true prophet. Let us turn ourselves for this new task imposed on us by Divine Providence. For we do not believe that the Almighty held his hand over this new world until the fullness of time, and sowed it with the choicest seed of the nations, without intending to make it the greatest, last, and best experiment in human government.

**DON'T DELAY.**

Some Albuquerque People Have Learned That